

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 6 as follows:

1-5. (Cancelled).

6. (Currently Amended) A recombinant polypeptide comprising:

a first sequence of amino acids:

Ser Thr Asp Lys Leu Lys Leu Asn Gln Gln Asn Lys Pro His Ile Ala Asn Asn Lys Gln
Lys Thr Thr Leu Glu Lys Thr Gln Thr Glu Gln Lys Thr Ala [SEQ. ID NO. 51];

a plurality of second sequences of amino acids,

Pro Phe Gly Gln Ala Ala Ala Gly Asp Lys Pro Ser [SEQ. ID NO. 52];

a third sequence of amino acids, wherein the third sequence is

Gly Thr Ala Phe Asp Ala Ser Arg Ser Thr Val Phe Ala Asn Ala Pro Gly Val Ala Gln
Val; [SEQ. ID NO. ~~52~~ 53] and

a plurality of fourth sequences of amino acids, wherein each of the fourth sequences is
independently,

Met Glu Gln Glu Arg Arg Gln Leu Leu Glu Lys Asp Pro Arg Arg Asn Ala Lys Glu
Ile Ala Ala Leu Glu Glu Ser Met Asn Ala Arg Ala Gln Glu Leu Ala Arg Glu Lys Lys
Leu Ala Asp Arg Ala Phe Leu Asp Gln Lys Pro Glu Gly Val Pro Leu Arg Glu Leu
Pro Leu Asp Asp Asp Ser Asp Phe Val Ala. [SEQ. ID NO. 54].

7. (Previously Presented) A kit comprising:
a first recombinant polypeptide wherein the first recombinant polypeptide is the recombinant polypeptide of claim 6, and
a second recombinant polypeptide.

8. (Previously Presented) The kit of claim 7, wherein the second polypeptide comprises a sequence corresponding to one selected from the group consisting of Ag15 [SEQ ID NO 2], FP3 [SEQ ID NO. 50], FP4 [SEQ ID NO. 36], FP5 [SEQ ID NO. 38], FP7 [SEQ ID NO. 40], FP8 [SEQ ID NO. 44], FP9 [SEQ ID NO. 46] and FP10 [SEQ ID NO. 48], wherein the first recombinant polypeptide is different from the second recombinant polypeptide.

9. (Previously Presented) The kit of claim 7, wherein the second recombinant polypeptide comprises a sequence corresponding to FP4.

10. (Previously Presented) The kit of claim 7, further comprising a third recombinant polypeptide being one selected from the group consisting of Ag15, FP3, FP4, FP5, FP6, FP7, FP8, FP9 and FP10, wherein the first recombinant polypeptide, the second recombinant polypeptide and the third recombinant polypeptide are different.

11. (Previously Presented) The kit of claim 10, wherein the second recombinant polypeptide corresponds to FP4 and the third polypeptide corresponds to FP10.

12-17. (Cancelled)

18. (Currently Amended) The kit of claim 10, wherein the third polypeptide comprises a sequence of at least 17 amino acids, which sequence is at least 70% identical to FP3.

19. (Currently Amended) The kit of claim 7, wherein the second polypeptide comprises a sequence of at least 17 amino acids, which sequence is at least 70% identical to FP3.

20. (Previously Presented) The kit of claim 19, further comprising a third polypeptide, wherein the third polypeptide is FP10.

21. (Previously Presented) A recombinant polypeptide comprising, in sequence:
a first sequence of amino acids:

Met Ala Gln Leu Gln Gln Ala Glu Asn Asn Ile Thr Asn Ser Lys Lys Glu Met Thr
Lys Leu Arg Glu Lys Val Lys Lys Ala Glu Lys Glu Lys Leu Asp Ala Ile Asn Arg Ala
Thr Lys Leu Glu Glu Glu Arg Asn Gln Ala Tyr Lys Ala Ala His Lys Ala Glu Glu Glu
Lys Ala Lys Thr Phe Gln Arg Leu Ile Thr Phe Glu Ser Glu Asn Ile Asn Leu Lys Lys
Arg Pro Asn Asp Ala Val [SEQ. ID NO. 55].

a plurality of second sequences of amino acids, wherein each of the second sequences independently is:

Gln Arg Ala Ala Glu Ala Ala Lys Ala Val Glu Thr Glu Lys [SEQ. ID NO. 56]; and

a third sequence of amino acids:

Asp Ile Asp Pro Met Gly Ala Cys Gly Ser Lys Asp Ser Thr Ser Asp Lys Gly
Leu Ala Ser Asp Lys Asp Gly Lys Asn Ala Lys Asp Arg Lys Glu Ala Trp Glu
Arg Ile Arg Gln Ala Ile Pro Arg Glu Lys Thr Ala Glu Ala Lys Gln Arg Arg
Ile Glu Leu Phe Lys Lys Phe Asp Lys Asn Glu Thr Gly Lys Leu Cys Tyr Asp
Glu Val His Ser Gly Cys Leu Glu Val Leu Lys Leu Asp Glu Phe Thr Pro Arg
Val Arg Asp Ile Thr Lys Arg Ala Phe Asp Lys Ala Arg Ala Leu Gly Ser Lys
Leu Glu Asn Lys Gly Ser Glu Asp Phe Val Glu Phe Leu Glu Phe Arg Leu
Met Leu Cys Tyr Ile Tyr Asp Phe Phe Glu Leu Thr Val Met Phe Asp Glu Ile
Asp Ala Ser Gly Asn Met Leu Val Asp Glu Glu Glu Phe Lys Arg Ala Val Pro
Lys Leu Glu Ala Trp Gly Ala Lys Val Glu Asp Pro Ala Ala Leu Phe Lys Glu
Leu Asp Lys Asn Gly Thr Gly Ser Val Thr Phe Asp Glu Phe Ala Ala Trp Ala

Ser Ala Val Lys Leu Asp Ala Asp Gly Asp Pro Asp Asn Val Pro Asp Ile
[SEQ. ID NO. 57].

22. (Previously Presented) A kit comprising:
a first recombinant polypeptide wherein the first recombinant polypeptide is the recombinant polypeptide of claim 21, and
a second recombinant polypeptide.

23. (Previously Presented) The kit of claim 22, wherein the second polypeptide comprises one selected from the group consisting of Ag15 [SEQ ID NO 2], FP4 [SEQ ID NO. 36], FP5 [SEQ ID NO. 38], FP6 [SEQ ID NO. 42], FP7 [SEQ ID NO. 40], FP8 [SEQ ID NO. 44], FP9 [SEQ ID NO. 46] and FP10 [SEQ ID NO. 48].

24. (Previously Presented) The kit of claim 22, wherein the second recombinant polypeptide is FP4.

25. (Previously Presented) The kit of claim 22, further comprising a third recombinant polypeptide selected from the group consisting of Ag15, FP4, FP5, FP6, FP7, FP8, FP9 and FP10, wherein the first recombinant polypeptide, the second recombinant polypeptide and the third recombinant polypeptide are different.

26. (Previously Presented) The kit of claim 25, wherein the second recombinant polypeptide corresponds to FP4 and the third polypeptide corresponds to FP10.

27. (Previously Presented) The kit of claim 25, wherein the third polypeptide is FP6.